

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims and ADD claims 21 - 23 in accordance with the following.

1. (currently amended) A CAD generation management system connectable to a display unit, comprising:

a storage section, formed by hardware, and configured to store file information in units of generations, each file information having different generations before and after a modification by an editing process;

an inter-file correspondence table, formed by hardware, and configured to store corresponding relationships of the file information stored in the storage, including generation information;

an icon storage, formed by hardware, and configured to store icon data corresponding to the file information; and

a processing unit configured to refer to the inter-file correspondence table and the icon storage and to display, on the display unit, icon data of the file information stored in the storage section in units of generations, and to display relationships of the file information corresponding to the icon data,

wherein a modification of one of two related file information by the editing process affects other of the two related file information, including the generation information.

2. (currently amended) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

an input controller configured to detect an input to the CAD generation management system,

said processing unit displaying on the display unit the relationships of selected icon data with emphasis when the input controller detects an input selecting the selected icon data from the displayed icon data.

3. (currently amended) The CAD generation management system as claimed in

claim 1, wherein the processing unit displays on the display unit the relationships of the file information corresponding to the icon data by lines connecting related icon data.

4. (original) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 3, wherein a kind, width and color of the lines connecting the icon data are set differently for each generation.

5. (original) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

means for acquiring a CAD program and/or the file information via one or more networks.

6. (currently amended) A CAD generation management system connectable to a display unit, comprising:

a first storage, formed by hardware, and configured to store font information indicating generation information;

a second storage, formed by hardware, and configured to store icon data indicating file information;

a third storage, formed by hardware, and configured to store the generation information of the file information, each file information having different generation information before and after a modification by an editing process; and

a processing unit configured to refer to the generation information stored in the third storage in response to an instruction to display generation information of target file information, and to create and display, on the display unit, the icon data related to the generation information to be displayed on the display unit by combining the font information stored in the first storage and the icon data stored in the second storage,

wherein a modification of one of two related file information by the editing process affects other of the two related file information, including the generation information.

7. (currently amended) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

an input controller configured to detect an input to the CAD generation management system, including the instruction,

said processing unit displaying on the display unit the relationships of selected icon data with emphasis when the input controller detects an input selecting the selected icon data from

the displayed icon data.

8. (currently amended) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the processing unit displays on the display unit the relationships of the file information corresponding to the icon data by lines connecting related icon data.

9. (original) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 8, wherein a kind, width and color of the lines connecting the icon data are set differently for each generation.

10. (original) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

means for acquiring a CAD program and/or the file information via one or more networks.

11. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to manage generation information of file information, said computer program comprising:

a procedure to cause the computer to store file information in a storage in units of generations, each file information having different generations before and after a modification by an editing process;

a procedure to cause the computer to store corresponding relationships of the file information stored in the storage, including generation information, in an inter-file correspondence table;

a procedure to cause the computer to store icon data corresponding to the file information in an icon storage; ~~and~~

a control procedure to cause the computer to refer to the inter-file correspondence table and the icon storage and to display icon data of the file information stored in the storage section in units of generations, and to display relationships of the file information corresponding to the icon data; and

an editing procedure to cause the computer to carry out the editing process in which a modification of one of two related file information affects other of the two related file information, including the generation information.

12. (original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11,

wherein said computer program further comprises:

an input procedure to cause the computer to detect an input to the computer,
said control procedure causing the computer to display the relationships of selected icon data with emphasis when the input controller detects an input selecting the selected icon data from the displayed icon data.

13. (original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein the control procedure causes the computer to display the relationships of the file information corresponding to the icon data by lines connecting related icon data.

14. (original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 13, wherein a kind, width and color of the lines connecting the icon data are set differently for each generation.

15. (original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said computer program further comprises:

a procedure to cause the computer to acquire a CAD program and/or the file information via one or more networks.

16. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to manage generation information of file information, said computer program comprising:

a procedure to cause the computer to store font information indicating generation information in a first storage;

a procedure to cause the computer to store icon data indicating file information in a second storage;

a procedure to cause the computer to store the generation information of the file information in a third storage; and each file information having different generation information before and after a modification by an editing process;

a control procedure to cause the computer to refer to the generation information stored in the third storage in response to an instruction to display generation information of target file information, and to create and display the icon data related to the generation information to be displayed by combining the font information stored in the first storage and the icon data stored in the second storage; and

an editing procedure to cause the computer to carry out an editing process in which a modification of one of two related file information affects other of the two related file information, including the generation information.

17. (original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said computer program further comprises:

an input procedure to cause the computer to detect an input to the computer, including the instruction,

said control procedure causing the computer to display the relationships of selected icon data with emphasis when the input controller detects an input selecting the selected icon data from the displayed icon data.

18. (original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein the control procedure causes the computer to display the relationships of the file information corresponding to the icon data by lines connecting related icon data.

19. (original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 18, wherein a kind, width and color of the lines connecting the icon data are set differently for each generation.

20. (original) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said computer program further comprises:

a procedure to cause the computer to acquire a CAD program and/or the file information via one or more networks.

21. (new) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 1, which is connectable to an input device, wherein the processing unit carries out the editing process in response to an input from the input device.

22. (new) The CAD generation management system as claimed in claim 6, which is connectable to an input device, wherein the processing unit carries out the editing process in response to an input from the input device.

23. (new) A method of CAD generation management, comprising:

storing a plurality of file information including respective generation information of each file information, each file information having different generations before and after a modification by an editing process;

interrelating the stored file information, based upon the respective generation information;

corresponding an icon for each file information; and

displaying the interrelationships of the stored file information using the respective corresponding icons,

wherein a modification of one of two related file information by the editing process affects other of the two related file information, including the generation information.